

REMARKS

Claims 45-68 are pending in the application. The abstract of the specification is objected to and is herein amended in keeping with the Office's suggestions. Applicant requests withdrawal of any objection to the abstract.

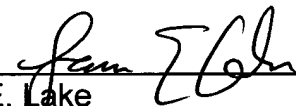
Claims 45-49 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-8 of U. S. Patent No. 6,241,915. Applicant submits herewith a timely filed terminal disclaimer obviating the need for such rejection. Applicant thus requests withdrawal of the nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims 45-68 in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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